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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2527

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 2527 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
5 3-15.12a as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/3-15.12a new)

7 Sec. 3-15.12a. High school diploma for adult learners.

8 (a) In this Section:

9 "Adult learner" means a person ineligible for reenrollment
10 under subsection (b) of Section 26-2 of this Code and 34 CFR
11 300.102.

12 "Board" means the Illinois Community College Board.

13 "Eligible applicant" means a non-profit entity in
14 partnership with a regional superintendent of schools; the
15 chief administrator of an intermediate service center that has
16 the authority, under rules adopted by the State Board of

1 Education, to issue a high school diploma; or a school district
2 organized under Article 34 of this Code.

3 "Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the
4 Illinois Community College Board.

5 "High school diploma program for adult learners" means a
6 program approved to operate under this Section that provides a
7 program of alterative study to adult learners leading to the
8 issuance of a high school diploma.

9 (b) An eligible applicant is authorized to design a high
10 school diploma program for adult learners, to be approved by
11 the Board prior to implementation. An eligible applicant shall
12 include, without limitation, all of the following in the
13 application for approval under subsection (c) of this Section:

14 (1) Evidence of an administrative structure, program
15 activities, program staff, a budget, and a specific
16 curriculum that is consistent with Illinois Learning
17 Standards, as well as Illinois content standards for
18 adults, but may be different from a regular school program
19 in terms of location, length of school day, program
20 sequence, multidisciplinary courses, pace, instructional
21 activities, or any combination of these.

22 (2) Evidence or documentation that the program will
23 issue a high school diploma only if an adult learner meets
24 all minimum requirements under this Code and its
25 implementing rules for receipt of a high school diploma.

26 (3) A description of specific academic, behavioral,

1 and emotional support services to be offered to adult
2 learners enrolled in the program.

3 (4) Evidence that the program will offer career and
4 technical education courses that lead to industry
5 certifications in high growth and in-demand industry
6 sectors or dual credit courses from a regionally accredited
7 post-secondary educational institution consistent with the
8 Dual Credit Quality Act. The program may include partnering
9 with a community college district to provide career and
10 technical education courses that lead to industry
11 certifications.

12 (5) A description of specific program outcomes and
13 goals and metrics to be used by the program to determine
14 success.

15 (6) An assurance that all instructional staff hold an
16 educator license valid for the high school grades issued
17 under Article 21B of this Code.

18 (7) Any other requirements adopted by rule by the
19 Board.

20 (c) Eligible applicants shall apply for approval of a high
21 school diploma program for adult learners to the Board on forms
22 prescribed by the Board.

23 (1) Initial approval shall be for a period not to
24 exceed 2 school years.

25 (2) Renewal of approval shall be for a period not to
26 exceed 4 school years and shall be contingent upon at least

1 specific documented outcomes of student progression,
2 graduation rates, and earning of industry-recognized
3 credentials.

4 (3) Program approval may be given only if the Executive
5 Director determines that the eligible applicant has met the
6 requirements of subsection (b) of this Section and any
7 rules adopted by the Board.

8 (4) Notwithstanding anything in this Code to the
9 contrary, a non-profit eligible applicant shall provide
10 the following to the Board:

11 (A) documentation that the non-profit entity will
12 fulfill the requirements of subsection (b) of this
13 Section;

14 (B) evidence that the non-profit entity has the
15 capacity to fulfill the requirements of this Section;

16 (C) a description of the coordination and
17 oversight that the eligible entity will provide in the
18 administration of the program by the non-profit
19 entity;

20 (D) evidence that the non-profit entity has a
21 history of providing services to adults 18 years of age
22 or older whose educational and training opportunities
23 have been limited by educational disadvantages,
24 disabilities, and challenges.

25 Funding for the purposes of this paragraph (4) may
26 include federal pass-through revenues, private funding, or

1 other funding sources the non-profit entity secures.

2 (d) The Board may adopt any rules necessary to implement
3 this Section.

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law.".